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Docket: T2678-906845

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Dominique Bernard RICHE

Serial No.: 09/809,050

Filed: March 16, 2001

For: Cored Wire for Introducing Additives  
into a Molten Metal Bath

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: McLean, Virginia  
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**PETITION TO ACCEPT DELAYED CLAIM FOR PRIORITY**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Patent and Trademark Office, under 35 USC §119 (a)-(d) and pursuant to 37 CFR 1.55(c), to accept a delayed claim for priority to French Patent Application No. 0102948, filed March 5, 2001. The application currently contains a claim for priority to French Application No. 0008284, filed June 28, 2000, and this Petition is directed to a claim for priority in addition to that claim.

As required by 37 CFR §1.55(c)(1), a Claim for Priority document is being filed contemporaneously herewith, and the Claim for Priority has attached thereto a certified copy of the French application.

As required by 37 CFR §1.55(c)(2), the surcharge set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(t) of \$1330.00 is submitted herewith by check.

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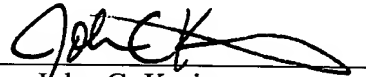
As required by 37 CFR §1.55(c)(3), it is hereby stated that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.55(a)(1) and the date on which the claim was filed (even date herewith) was unintentional.

Applicant believes that all requirements for a grantable petition have been met, and granting of this Petition is therefore appropriate.

Authorization is hereby given to charge any fee that is deemed to be owed as a result of the filing of this Petition, to Deposit Account No. 501165. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully,

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